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Mr. Paul Gottinger  
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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request – EPA-HQ-2019-002744**

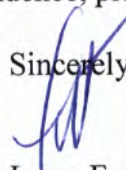
Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This is in response to your request for a fee waiver in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **seeking a copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Environmental Protection Agency who have left their positions/were terminated/retired for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Environmental Protection Agency in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.**

Based upon a review of your request and the information available to us at this time, we have determined that the total fees that would be incurred in processing this request do not meet the cost threshold and therefore not billable. The Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM) will respond to your request for information.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact me at (202) 566-1667.

Sincerely,

  
Larry F. Gottesman  
Agency FOIA Officer